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Brevities

There are no snakes or frogs in Alaska, but there are toads.

There are no telephones in Turkey or Greece.

A silver coin is usually in currency for about 27 years.

One hundred yards have been run in 10 seconds, but 50 yards never covered in 5 seconds.

About 350 pounds of mint are required to produce a pound of oil of peppermint.

Hall Caine, the novelist, is at work on a volume of memoirs chiefly devoted to his intimate friendship with the Rosettis.

A Jersey City Justice was recently paid a marriage fee of 10 cents.

Blind men in Japan carry a whistle which they blow to warn passers by.

There are 70,000 professional beggars in London.

In Japan it would be thought as rude to neglect to offer tea to a visitor on his arrival as not to speak to him.

Experiment proves that it takes over one-third of a second for the eyelid to open and close.

A telephone company in Tennessee has prohibited the smoking of cigarettes by its employees.

Alaskan travelers say that the mosquitoes there have driven men to suicide.

Coal is worked so easily in China that in Shansi it sells for less than one shilling per ton at the mines.

Nearly 500 emigrants a day are being shipped by agents of the Government of Queensland from England and to Australia. For every adult shipped an agent gets \$2.50, and for every child he is paid \$1.25.

More steel is used in the manufacture of pens than in all the sword and gun factories in the world. A ton of steel produces about 10,000 gross of pens.

Two hundred thousand pounds of maple sugar were destroyed by the burning of a warehouse in Quebec city.

This year's apple crop in North America is expected to be the largest ever known. The horti-

cultural statisticians predict from 80,000,000 to 100,000,000 barrels, which will be a supply of more than one barrel for every inhabitant of the United States.

The machinery of the United States is doing the work of 1,000,000,000 men. Today one man and two boys can spin as much cotton as 1100 spinners could have done 100 years ago. One weaver does the work of 54.

Sheffield is the smokiest city in England. In proportion to its size it consumes eight times as much coal as London.

Platinum is peculiarly the electrician's metal. Its quality of resisting oxidation indefinitely and its ability to make a tight joint with glass, when fused into the body of that material or even thru the tin wall of an x-ray tube, make it absolutely invaluable, and no other material can take its place for these uses.

During the last few weeks duels have caused a perfect slaughter in Italy. As many as four duelists were killed in different towns in one day. During the last year 2,400 duels have been fought in Italy and 480 deaths have resulted. Most of these combats were between army officers and based on the most trivial pretenses.

Our Cream Pitcher

A Prayer

"O God, pardon what I have been;
Sanctify what I am;
Order what I shall be;
And thine shall be the glory,
And mine the eternal salvation,
Thru Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen."

William George Jordan

The minister whose sermons are made up merely of flowers of rhetoric, sprigs of quotation, sweet fancy and perfumed common-places is, consciously or unconsciously, posing in the pulpit. His literary charlotte russes, sweet froth on a spongy, pulpy base, never helped a human soul; they give neither strength nor inspiration. If the mind and the heart of the preacher were really thrilled with the greatness and simplicity of religion, he would week by week apply the ringing truths of his faith to the vital problems of daily living. The test of a strong, simple sermon is results—not the Sunday praise of his auditors, but their bettered lives during the week. People who pray on their knees on Sunday and prey on their neighbors on Monday need simplicity in their faith.

Presbyterian

Youth is beautiful in its illusions, aspirations and dreams, but when it awakens to life's stern realities, it finds a sphere for its noblest and truest energies. For awhile it may live in fairyland and con over ideals, but when it emerges upon the stage of action fancy gives place to facts, and the ideal to the real. The awakening comes sooner in some cases than in others, but when it occurs, the turning period in one's career is reached. Character is tested, and the future is shaped according to the dominating principles developed and accomplished. This is a truth worthy of careful consideration on the part of parents and teachers, or of those who are honored with being guides or moulding factors over the rising generation. Let the mind and heart be open to the best influences, and the starting points in life be along lines that tend to the highest and worthiest exertions and realizations.

J. R. Miller

Our lives may be marred in the living, so that they shall never attain God's beautiful thought for them. There is a difference between a lump of clay and a human life. The marring of the clay may be the potter's fault, or it may be the fault of an accident; at least, it cannot be the fault

of the clay itself. If a misshapen jar or bowl comes into your hands, you would not say, "What a careless piece of clay it was that made itself into this irregular form!" Rather you would say, "What a careless potter it was that so spoiled this vessel, when he had the soft clay in his hands!" But when a life is marred, and fails of the beauty and nobleness which it was designed to have, you cannot blame God. You cannot say, "I was clay on the wheel, and the great Potter gave the wrong touch, and spoiled the loveliness that ought to have been wrought in my life." You are not clay, but a human soul. You have a will, and God does not shape you as the potter molds his plastic clay. He works thru your own will, and you can resist him, and can defeat his purpose for your life, and spoil the noble design into which he would fashion you. The blotches in this fair world are all the sad work of human hands, never of God's hands.

J. R. Miller

It is related of a great artist that he was once wandering in the mountains of Switzerland when some officials met him and demanded his passport. "I do not have it with me," he replied, "but my name is Dore." "Prove it, if you are," replied the officers, knowing who Dore was, but not believing that this was he. Taking a piece of paper he hastily sketched a group of peasants who were standing near, and did it with such grace and skill that the officials exclaimed, "Enough: you are Dore."

The world cares little for a mere profession. We say we are Christians, and the challenge is "Prove it." If we are of Christ we must be able to do the works of Christ, to live the life of Christ, to show the spirit of Christ. The artist's skillful drawing proved his identity. We must prove that we are the followers of our Master by the love, the grace, the beauty, the holiness of our life.

Henry Van Dyke

To be glad of life, because it gives you the chance to love and to work and to play and to look up at the stars: to be satisfied with your possessions, but not contented with yourself until you have made the most of them; to despise nothing in the world except falsehood and meanness, and to fear nothing except cowardice; to be governed by your admiration rather than by your disgusts; to covet nothing that is your neighbor's except his kindness of heart and gentleness of manner; to think seldom of your enemies, often of your friends, and every day of Christ; and to spend as much time as you can, with body and with spirit, in God's out of doors—these are little guide posts on the footpath to Peace.

Teach self-denial in your homes. It is not kind to the child to allow him everything he asks. Teach him that the truest and greatest happiness is to be found in denying himself and helping others.—Selected.

The Red Cross to Aid India

The American National Red Cross, now in course of reorganization under the new powers conferred by the last Congress, has taken up as its first active work the relief of suffering in the famine districts of India. Altho the work of reorganization is barely begun, yet Miss Clara Barton, President of the Red Cross, believes that famine relief should be undertaken at once, not only because the need of relief grows more urgent as time passes, but also because this is the kind of work that Congress and the President have committed to the hands of the Red Cross.

To avoid delays and to prevent complications with the reorganization work, which will be carried on at National headquarters